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The County's annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign is underway. In left photo, Supervisor Gloria Molina and CAO David Janssen present an official County t-shirt to Dani Montague, California state director, during the Executive Breakfast. Singer Eloise Laws, center, performed the national anthem for "County Night at Dodger Stadium;" where former Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda, center, right photo, welcomes, from left, Auditor-Controller Tyler McCauley, honorary catcher, Dr. Jonathan Fielding, director of public health and honorary coach; Jane Massey, Executive VP and COO of March of Dimes, and CAO Janssen. (Photos by Henry Salazar)

## County Employees, Officials Celebrate at Dodger Stadium

**M**ore than 1,300 employees turned out to see Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen throw out the first pitch at "County Night at Dodger Stadium" on April 29, a major fundraising activity for the County's 2005 March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign.

Renowned singer and Broadway actress Eloise Laws donated her time to sing the national anthem as part of the County team.

The County team featured Auditor-Controller Tyler McCauley as catcher, Director of Public Health Dr. Jonathan Fielding as coach, CAO Workplace Programs Director Victoria P. Lane as manager, and Natalia Jimenez, CAO, Maribel Roque, DHS, Monica Sedano, DPSS, and Nancy J. Price of Compton as assistant coaches.

"We brought good luck to the Los Angeles Dodgers," said CAO Janssen.

The baseball team snapped a three-game losing streak with a 6-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies. Choi also hit the first grand slam homerun of his career.

"Walk for the Babies" is the theme of the 2005 campaign, which has a goal of \$340,000. The March of Dimes continued its active support of the County's WalkAmerica campaign.

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Dodger first baseman Hee-Seop Choi, left photo, joins the County team on the field. Participating are, from row, from left, Natalia Jimenez, Nancy J. Price, Jane Massey, Maribel Roque, Monica Sedano and Victoria P. Lane; and rear, from left, Auditor-Controller Tyler McCauley, Choi, CAO Janssen and Dr. Jonathan Fielding. At right, Janssen throws out the first pitch to McCauley as Dr. Fielding coaches. (Photos by Henry Salazar)

## Metrolink Ridership Up by 300,000

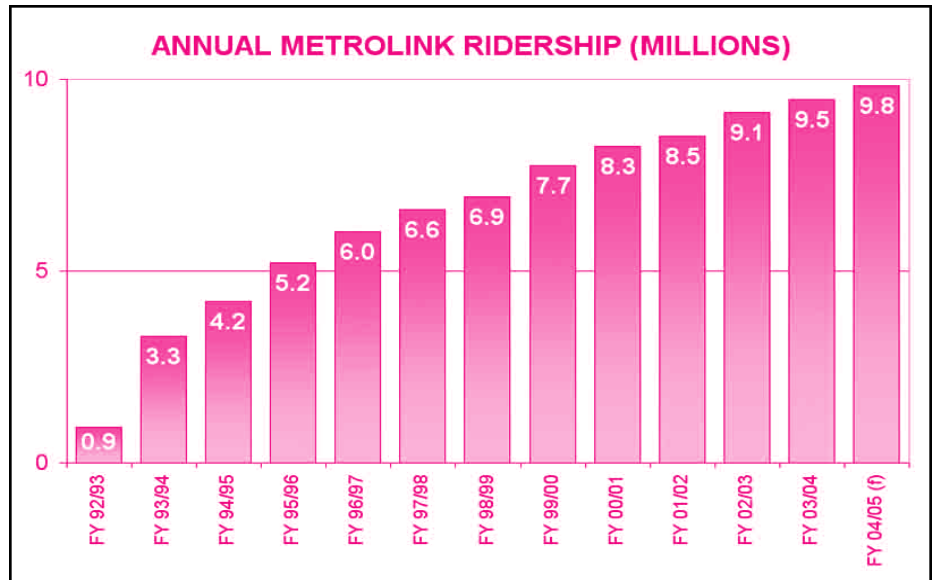
Approximately 300,000 more people opted to use Metrolink trains during fiscal year 2004-05 than the previous year, said Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

"Metrolink is providing a convenient alternative to freeway rush hour commuting," he said. "These figures show the positive impact of Metrolink" on reducing traffic gridlock on streets freeways.

Ridership grew systemwide from 9.4 million in 2003-04 to 9.8 million in the most recent fiscal year. (See chart)

Metrolink operates 137 trains daily, carrying passengers 512 miles over seven routes in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

For more information, call **800-371-LINK(5465)** or visit [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com).



## Central Juvenile Rideshare Fair

Yolanda Clarvoe, employee transportation coordinator for Probation/Central Juvenile, recently put on a rideshare fair for County employees at the site.

She was a "bit nervous at first," but the event was well attended and the "clean air message was shared" with staff members.

A highlight of the event was the unveiling of special "reserved parking" signs for carpoolers. Officials at Central Juvenile Hall plan to post the reserved signs soon as part of the County's overall compliance with regulations set by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.



Yolanda Clarvoe



## "Keep Los Angeles Running" Event Set

The County Board of Supervisors, on a motion by Supervisor and Chair Gloria Molina, has proclaimed Sunday, July 10, 2005 as "Keep Los Angeles Running Day" in support of the charitable event, which will be held at the Los Angeles Coliseum in Exposition Park.

Proceeds from the 5K Walk/Run, 10K run and bike cruise will benefit the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 660.

Some of the monies raised also will go to Los Angeles County/Special Districts Employees Disaster Relief Fund, Rosa Parks Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

at King-Drew Medical Center, the Pediatric Oncology Service at the Women's and Children's Hospital of LAC+USC Medical Center and the American Cancer Society.

For more information, please call **(213) 368-8633**.



## JP Morgan Chase Open

The County of Los Angeles' charitable giving program again will partner with the Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) for the upcoming JP Morgan Chase Open, a weeklong tennis tournament featuring the top women players in the world.

This year the tournament begins on Monday, Aug. 8, and continues through Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Home Depot Center in Carson. "County employees will receive discounts on tickets and proceeds will benefit the 2005 charitable giving campaign," announced Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen, who co-chairs the annual fundraising effort.

Last year, County employees enjoyed watching local natives Lindsay Davenport, Venus and Serena Williams

take on such stellar talents as Wimbledon champion Maria Sarapova as well as Jennifer Capriati, Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin-Hardenne.

A wide range of promotional items also were distributed free to attendees and included tennis rackets, water bottles and fans with a picture of Lindsay Davenport.

"The summer's ultimate tennis celebration returns and we are committed to making the JP Morgan Chase Open more memorable than last year," said Chris McGowan of Anschutz Entertainment Group, which owns the Home Depot Center and Staples Center.

For more information, please contact your departmental charitable campaign giving coordinator or the CAO Workplace Programs office at **(213) 974-2619**.

## ETC Spotlight



Denise Gordon

**D**enise Gordon, Employee Transportation Coordinator for the Martin Luther King, Jr./Charles Drew Medical Center, has learned the value of perseverance.

She developed the character trait while submerged in last year's annual survey/plan preparation period for the County's Rideshare program. The review is required by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

"Working from dawn until well beyond the setting of the sun helped me to grow into the job of ETC," she said.

Ms. Gordon also had to work hard to change employee perception of the rideshare program. "So many people thought they had to arrive at the worksite in the same vehicle with other employees, which is not correct."

Employees have the option of riding with co-workers and/or having another person in the vehicle for at least 51 percent of the commute to work. The other rider does not have to be a co-worker.

"I let employees know that ridesharing also includes using public transportation—bus, subway or trains—and walking, biking or telecommuting," she said. "I tell them that to achieve cleaner air, they must rideshare."

Ms. Gordon survived another major challenge during her first year as an ETC, an audit from the SCAQMD that "was not a barrel of laughs."

"We just finished the survey and plan when I received notice that the agency wanted to audit our rideshare program at King-Drew Medical Center," she recalled. "The audit was a real rough period for me but I got through it. The entire experience made me fully aware of the importance of the job of ETC."

It's a demanding job. "I must do the ETC work, spreading the clean air message, on top of my other duties," she said. "I compare it to a smorgasbord. There is already enough on your plate, then someone comes along and puts on another item for you to try. The plate is filled, but you know you cannot let one morsel fall."

She believes the clean air message is too "important to let it fall by the wayside."

For more information on the County's rideshare program, please contact  
**(213) 974-1182**



Supervisor Antonovich presents scroll to Sgt. Larry Wineinger and Commander Robert Binkley.

## San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team Honored

**T**Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich recently honored members of the Sheriff's Department San Dimas Mountain Rescue team for bravery and exceptional service.

The team came to the rescue of Erica Henderson and her son William, who were in danger while engulfed in the floodwaters of San Dimas Canyon on January 10, 2005.

Supervisor Antonovich presented commendations to Commanders Robert Binkley and Greg Anderson, Sgt. Larry Wineinger, team captain Karen Peterson, Jeff Dreyer, Wayne Tolosa, and civilians volunteers Debbie Iketani,

Roger Grunke, Dana Dethloff and Dan Land. Also honored but not present at the Board meeting were deputies Dave Small, Raymond Hebert, Steve Figueroa and Bill Yanez.

Officially established in 1955, the San Dimas group celebrates its 50th anniversary later this year. It is one of eight teams in the department and is the oldest in the County. It is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help people who visit the San Gabriel Mountains. San Dimas Rescue team members have been medically trained and hold emergency medical technician certificates.

Although most of the members are Sheriff reserve deputies there are a few civilian volunteer specialists, who assist the team in other ways. The group's motto is "anytime, anywhere so others may live."

Affiliated with the California Regional Mountain Rescue Association (MRA), San Dimas Rescue team members are re-certified annually. They continuously train to keep their skills fresh in search and tracking, mountaineering, climbing, rappelling, map and compass, helivac, victim extraction, snow and ice rescues.

According to the group's website, members contribute a minimum of two evenings and one weekend a month to group training, lectures and specialized instruction. The San Dimas Mountain Rescue team operates at no direct cost to the taxpayers.



San Dimas Mountain Rescue team members honored are, from left, Debbie Iketani, Roger Grunke, Greg Anderson, Dana Dethloff, Jeff Dreyer, Karen Peterson, Wayne Tolosa, Robert Binkley, Dan Land and Larry Wineinger.



Dani Montague, California State Director, spoke at the Executive Breakfast to kick off the County's 2005 WalkAmerica effort. Jane Massey, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the March of Dimes, and Ms. Montague, California State Director, attended "County Dodger Night." The following morning Ms. Massey enthusiastically thanked Janssen, County department heads and employees for their "hard work and support of the March of Dimes mission."

Joining CAO Janssen on stage at the WalkAmerica event, April 30 in Griffith Park were Conny McCormack, Registrar-

Recorder/County Clerk, Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer and campaign co-chair, James Hartl, Regional Planning, Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman, Marcia Mayeda, Animal Care and Control, Bryce Yokomizo, Public Social Services and co-chair, Pastor Herrera, Consumer Affairs and co-chair, Dennis Tafoya, Affirmative Action, and Michael J. Henry, Human Resources.

"I commend the departmental March of Dimes campaign coordinators, who did an outstanding fundraising job," said Janssen. More than 50 coordinators attended a special luncheon, co-hosted by the Dodgers and Trey Magnuson,

group sales representative, in the Hall of Fame room at Dodger Stadium.

*Participating in the WalkAmerica activities are, from top, County employees gathered for the team photo; County department heads and Ms. Massey; Joseph Torres and Josie Ramirez of the Second District and Bob Munguia; Victoria P. Lane, left, and campaign co-chairs Dr. Thomas Garthwaite, Yokomizo, Varona-Lukens, Trey Magnuson of the Dodgers, Janssen and Herrera; and on the field at Dodger Stadium are Magnuson, Mrs. Lane and Ms. Jimenez.*

*(Photo Essay by Henry Salazar)*



## County of Los Angeles "Walk for the Babies" WalkAmerica 2005

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BEANIE ORDER FORM	Price	Quantity	Total \$ Amount
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#1 Dad Sweater Bear	\$5.00		
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\$2.00 donation per beanie to March of Dimes	TOTAL ORDER		

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Workplace Programs/MOD Order  
500 West Temple Street, Room B-1  
Los Angeles, CA 90012



## 23rd Annual Volunteer Luncheon Honors 72

**“V**olunteers Work Magic” was the theme of the 23rd annual Volunteer of the Year Recognition Ceremony and Awards Luncheon, honoring 72 outstanding members of the community, who donate time to help the County fulfill its motto to provide effective and caring service.

Held in the Grand Hall of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Music Center, KNBC-TV anchor-reporter Furnell Chatman was master of ceremony and Fox 11 News weekend anchor-reporter Susan Hirasuna delivered the keynote address. Magician Ryan Joseph performed.

Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Zev Yaroslavsky gave remarks and presented scrolls to the youth and adult honorees.

County volunteers donated 4.1 million hours, valued at \$71 million dollars, to assist with a wide range of

projects and programs.

“Volunteers Work Magic” is more than a phrase to describe these dedicated individuals of all ages and backgrounds, said the supervisors.

The 2004 recognition ceremony received an “honorable mention” in the Challenge Awards competition sponsored by the California State



At right, magician Ryan Joseph gets out of a personal restraint.



Supervisors Antonovich, left, and Yaroslavsky present a scroll to the youngest volunteer honoree, Yessenia Parra, who donated more than 50 hours to the Community Development Commission.



Representing Los Angeles Superior Court at the luncheon are, from left, Annette Waller, Judge David Sotelo, honoree and Temporary Judge Mario M. de la Rosa, Judge Anne H. Egerton and Jim Matthews.

## Warm Up



CAO Janssen receives tips on pitching from “coach” Dr. Jonathan Fielding as “catcher” Auditor-Controller Tyler McCauley lends support.



Supervisor Yaroslavsky presents a scroll to Public Library honoree Diane Haupt, whose 20 years of service includes creating the Book Cellar and raising \$2,500 monthly for the Agoura Hills Library.



Supervisor Antonovich received a bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Pin from Fox 11 News weekend anchor Susan Hirasuna.

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**Drawing to take place by July 2005.**

**TOYOTA SEQUOIA** - Toyota has enhanced the performance and appearance of the Sequoia full-size sport utility vehicle (SUV) for 2005, giving it a more powerful engine, a new five-speed automatic transmission and advanced Supplemental Restraint airbag systems. Equipped with Sequoia 4.7-liter i-Force V8 engine with a new variable valve timing with intelligence (VVT-i) system and an electronic throttle control system with intelligence (ETCS-i), has increased output from 240 horsepower to 282. Torque rises by 10 lb-ft. to 325 lb-ft. The new five-speed automatic transmission provides smoother performance and more flexibility, and also helps improve fuel efficiency, with preliminary fuel economy ratings of 15 miles-per-gallon mpg in the city and 18 mpg on the highway for 4x2 model. The Sequoia is EPA-certified as an ultra-low emission vehicle (ULEV).

**For more information, please contact your departmental March of Dimes coordinator or call the CAO Workplace Programs office at (213) 974-2466.**



## Cesar E. Chavez Week Food Drive, Beach Clean-up Highlight Countywide Effort

Nearly 200 County employees donated a "day of service" in observance of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week, March 28 through April 2, proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on a motion by Supervisor and Board Chair Gloria Molina.

"Educating the Heart" was the theme of Cesar E. Chavez Week, commemorating an American hero, who dedicated his life to serving others and social equality for all people.

The annual food drive, conducted in cooperation with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, collected 26,539 pounds of donated items, an increase of 9,522 pounds over last year's 17,017 pounds.

An estimated 180 County employees from 22 departments worked on community projects and neighborhood programs in need of assistance. The Department of Public Social Services led the list of volunteer employees with 47, followed by the Registrar-Recorder-County Clerk with 34 and the Department of Public Works with 25.

Volunteer opportunities ranged from park beautification and garden planting projects to storytelling hours, homework assistance and a cleanup at Dockweiler State Beach in Playa del Rey, coordinated by Catrina Love of Beaches and Harbors.

County employees also turned out to support the 7th annual Cesar E. Chavez Walk, sponsored by the United Farm Workers, at East Los Angeles College, and the annual teen softball tournament, sponsored by the County Department of Parks and Recreation, at Beveledere Park.



CAO David E. Janssen reads to children, left, at the East Los Angeles Public Library and then helps a group with an arts and crafts project.



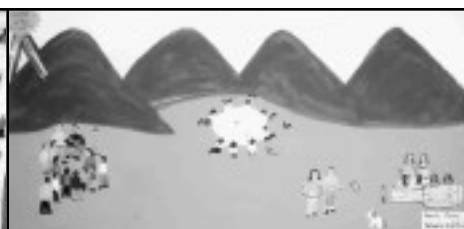
County employees, led by Catrina Love, center, prepare to cleanup Dockweiler State Beach.



At left, First District deputy Kiran Mirza and 3-year-old Nadia Hampton turn in a bag of trash, while other County employees fill their bags.

In addition, the annual Countywide art, essay and poetry contest received more than 100 entries from Probation, Parks and Recreation and Public Library. A portion of the winning entries were displayed at the annual Cesar E.

Chavez Foundation dinner held at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante personally congratulated many of the young winners who attended the dinner.



First place art winners in the 2005 Cesar Chavez art, essay and poetry contest. (Photos by Jim Camp)

## Cesar E. Chavez Week



Department of Mental Health's planning committee for Cesar E. Chavez Week, led by Ambrose Rodriguez, includes Elizabeth Gonzalez-Jaskulak, chair, Leticia Torres, Lupe Ayala, Sandra Chang, Luis Escalante, Christian Maldonado, Nora Pardo, Margie Gaytan, Patricia Zavala and Sylvia Martinez.

### Cesar E. Chavez Community service Week 2005 Contest Winners

#### Category: Art

##### Ages up to 12 years:

First Place—Valleydale Park Tiny Tots  
Second Place—Belvedere Park--Cesar Chavez Flag  
Third Place—Dalton Park, The Farmers, Kelly Pina  
Honorable Mention—East Los Angeles Lib., United, Esmeralda Aceituno (age 4)

##### Group:

First Place—Family Picnic, Camp Miller  
Second Place—Mountains, Crops, Camp Rocky  
Third Place—Si Se Puede, Camp McNair  
Honorable Mention—Huelga, Camp Rocky; Union Flag, Camp Afflerbaugh

##### Individual:

First Place—American Hero, Jacqueline de la Cruz  
Second Place—Union Label, Camp Rocky  
Third Place—The Indestructible, Camp McNair  
Honorable Mention—Cesar Chavez, Camp Rocky; The Fast, Camp Louis Routh; Cesar Vive, Ashley Weathers; Viva La Raza, Camp Rocky; Hope, Camp Gonzales

##### Mural:

First Place—Cesar Chavez, Camp Rocky  
Second Place—The Legacy, Natalie Villa, D. Gonzalez



##### Non-traditional Artwork:

First Place—Picket Signs, Camp Louis Routh  
Second Place—Flags  
Third Place—Long Live Our Cause

##### General Achievement:

Honorable Mention Awards—  
Stitches for Justice, Camp Louis Routh  
The Death of Cesar Chavez, Dorothy Kirby  
The End of All Education, Camp Rocky  
Thank God for His Bravery, Dorothy Kirby  
Cesar Chavez Core Values, Camp Scutter

#### Category: Essay or Poetry

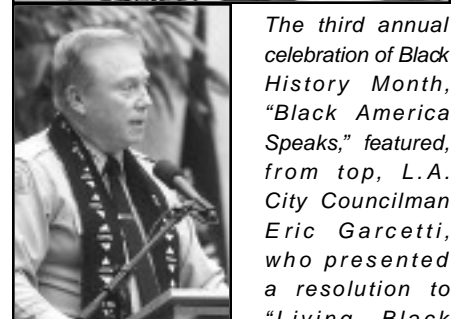
##### Group 1: Poetry

First Place—Camp Jarvis  
Second Place—Manuel Taro, Camp Jarvis  
Third Place—Oscar Aguilar, Camp Miller  
Honorable Mention—Vincent Browne, Camp John Munoz; John Tory, Camp Miller; Rodney Bonner, Camp John Munoz

##### Group 2: Essay

First Place—Christopher G, Dorothy Kirby Center  
Second Place—Darlin U. Palmer, Dorothy Kirby Center  
Third Place—(Tie) Ivan Vega, Camp John Munoz and Dominic Bando, Camp Miller  
Honorable Mention—Adolfo J, Camp Jarvis, Michael Fischel, Camp Miller

## Black History Month



The third annual celebration of Black History Month, "Black America Speaks," featured, from top, L.A. City Councilman Eric Garcetti, who presented a resolution to "Living Black History" honoree Rev. Cecil Murray, County employees perform in the fashion finale, Supervisor Yvonne Burke speaks, Caine Turner, Jr. receives a plaque, Assessor Rick Auerbach congratulates the opportunity drawing winner and Undersheriff Larry Waldie give remarks. (Photos by Ralph Terrazas)

## Wildflowers in Bloom at County Park

County employees are encouraged to visit Devil's Punchbowl Park in the Antelope Valley to view the numerous nature exhibits and an outstanding display of wildflowers, said Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

"Devil's Punchbowl is a 60-million year old natural wonder and one of California's most unusual rock formations," he said. "It is a massive collection of large rock slabs, some as large as 500-feet high, surrounded by sloping terrain."

Visitors may hike or ride a horse on miles of picturesque trails. Rock

climbing, bird watching, picnicking, campfire programs are other activities open to the public.

Daily events conducted by County staff include geology walks and live animal demonstrations, featuring a barn owl, American falcon and snakes.

There also are seasonal activities such as the "Full Moon Hikes" and "Meteor Shower" viewings. Tours of the San Andreas fault are held on Sundays at 1 p.m.

For information, please contact Devil's Punchbowl Park in Pearblossom at (661) 944-2743.



Rock formations at Devil's Punchbowl.



## Calendar of Events

### Fire Department Barbecue

(March of Dimes)

Wed., June 8, 11:30 a.m., Hdqtrs.

### Hollywood Stars Game

(Dodgers vs. Twins)

Sat. June 11, 4:30 p.m.,  
Dodger Stadium

### King Tut Treasures

July 8-10, LACMA

### JP Morgan Chase Open

Aug. 8-14, Home Depot Center  
Carson, CA



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- Ticket Cost: \$11.00 (lower reserve level); \$16.00 (inner reserve level); \$22.00 (outer field level)
- March of Dimes will receive a portion of the ticket price—a tax-deductible contribution\* (\$2.00 per ticket sold)
- Tickets are limited and are on a first come first serve basis

For tickets contact your Department March of Dimes Coordinator, or the CAO, Office of Workplace Programs at (213) 974-1171 or (213) 974-2466.

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Purchase Total		=\$

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